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This electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Dutch Slough EIR meeting set for Oakley on Dec. 11 DWR has released a draft environmental impact report on the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project. The project will restore marsh and wetlands on nearly 1,200 acres in Oakley in eastern Contra Costa County. DWR will hold a public hearing about the document on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Oakley at City Hall. Meeting details and a link to the EIR can be found here.

Water Plan advisers set to meet Dec. 18 in Sacramento

The California Water Plan Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, Dec. 18, in Sacramento at the Double Tree Hotel. DWR will provide members a preview of the Public Review Draft of Water Plan Update 2009 including the Highlights. The meeting is public. AC members should RSVP to Sogol Moghadam at smoghada@water.ca.gov. The Water Plan website can be found here.

Guidelines for funding

Delta levee work

subject of workshop

DWR will conduct a public workshop in Walnut Grove on Tuesday, Dec. 9, to explain draft guidelines for funding of Delta Levee Special Flood Control Projects. Passage of Propositions 1E and 84 in 2006 significantly increased the amount of money available for Delta levee projects. DWR is developing policy and guidelines for prudent long-term Delta investments. Read more.

Yolo Bypass panel to mull membership at Tuesday meeting The Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum is set to select a membership committee and discuss the addition of a new member when it meets Tuesday, Dec. 9, in Clarksburg. The agenda for the meeting has been posted here. The forum also will try to "create preliminary additional planning objectives for the Lower Yolo Bypass planning process." The forum is cosponsored by the Delta Protection Commission and the Yolo Basin Foundation.

Maps determine if cities must comply with new law

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board has posted a series of draft maps to help cities in the Central Valley determine if they're within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District. These cities must comply with AB 162 by next month and submit the safety element of their General Plans to the board for review. Read more.

Delta Vision Committee to webcast workshop on implementation plan

A Delta Vision Committee workshop about how it will implement a strategic plan for the Delta will be held on Friday in Sacramento. The session will be webcast; <u>find details here</u>. By Dec. 31, the committee is supposed to recommend to the governor and Legislature how to implement the plan, developed over the past 20 months by the DV Blue Ribbon Task Force. The aim is to develop a plan for the long-term sustainability of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. <u>The strategic plan can be found here</u>.



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